



**MEETING NOTES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014**  
**SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM**  
**100 E. GUENTHER ST**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**ATTENDING: COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES-** Ben Brewer, Michael Cortez, Pat DiGiovanni, Lynn Evans, Jerry Geyer, Theresa Gold, Mark Liberatore, Susan Powers, Humberto Saldaña, Jack Suneson, Caleb Etheredge. **STAFF AND CONSULTANTS-** Tony Cañez, Sam Dawson, Rudy Farias, David Garza, Gloria Rodriguez, Kerim Jacaman, Jeff Mitchell, John Mize, Shiva Sandrana, Suzanne Scott, Mark Sorenson, Steve Tillotson, Linda Ximenes, Dan Curry, Steven Dean, Marianne Kumley. **PUBLIC-** Roberto Treviño, Chris McKnight, Frank Monaco, Max Penner, Matt Penner, Marilyn Bradley, John Dean, Penelope Speyer.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Michael Cortez and Jerry Geyer opened the meeting and reviewed the calendar items after asking everyone to introduce him/herself.

**Meeting Schedule**

- a. Next Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting- June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., SARA Board Room, 100 E. Guenther
- b. San Pedro Creek Subcommittee- Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., SARA Board Room, 100 E. Guenther

**APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES FROM APRIL 10, 2014**

Pat DiGiovanni moved and Jack Suneson seconded the motion to accept the minutes with the one correction of Marilyn Bradley's name mentioned twice.

**BRIEFING ON EXISTING GATE AND TUNNEL RECIRCULATION OPERATIONS**

Mark Sorenson, SARA, explained how the San Pedro Creek tunnel works using a slide of the San Antonio River tunnel. (See slide and handout on the tunnel operation.) Both systems currently have an existing recirculation system in place and operational. The San Pedro Creek Gate system will be monitored via a computer system that will keep all of its gates in sync during rain events. The recirculation system will be used to augment any natural flow from the San Pedro Creek during times when that flow is not enough to achieve the project's design goals. The creek's gate system will be designed so the two-year storm event's water surface elevation is at or below the project's sidewalks/vegetated improvements so maintenance costs can be kept to a minimum.

**Mr. Sorenson was asked to create a one-page information sheet for the San Pedro**

## Creek tunnel.<sup>1</sup>

### REVIEW PROJECT SCHEDULE

Jeff Mitchell, HDR, discussed the schedule, stating that the project schedule is under development and is being updated on a regular basis. There are elements of the project downstream of S. Alamo Street and at the tunnel inlet that were not included in the original Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

Steve Tillotson, Muñoz & Company, reviewed what would need to happen to get to 40 percent design documents. Because the work at the inlet and downstream of S. Alamo were not in the PER, elements such as lighting have not been presented to the public. These elements would be reviewed by the public for feedback before the schematic design and then two or three times after that. Costs and design of these elements have not been determined yet.

### REVIEW STATUS OF ONGOING TASKS

Jeff reviewed key activities that included the additional work that would need to be done on the lower reach not included in the PER, the site engineering that needs to be done, the hydraulics and hydrology (H&H) work, the architectural aspects of the planning, the bridges and structural work and the management items that need to be done. (Please see attached presentation for more information.)

**Mr. Mitchell was asked to have an updated cost estimate at the next meeting.**

Once the entire data gathering is complete, SARA staff would like to meet with property owners along the creek, although they have met with some already.

**There was a request to create talking points to describe the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project so that all the subcommittee members would be describing it in a uniform way.** The economic development study that was done envisioned the project as a residential and business development and not geared to tourism. It may be necessary to add development guidelines as were done for the San Antonio River. These may be developed to integrate the design with the economic development aspects of the planning.

### Project Website Show and Tell

Gloria Rodriguez, SARA, reviewed the different aspects of the San Pedro Creek Improvements Project website: [www.spcproject.org](http://www.spcproject.org), pointing out the project map, proposed linear trails and how it would connect to the San Antonio River. The project timeline and information on the design and construction schedule are included as well as information on subcommittee meetings, documents for downloading and media releases.

**A presentation on the linear parks programmed for the area was requested.**

### ITEMS TO BE SENT TO THE WCROC

- No action items

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<sup>1</sup> Text in bold type indicates an item that needs follow-up.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Penelope Speyer on Camp Street commented that she hoped care would be given to the safety of the fish, turtles and other creatures who live in the creek.

**ADJOURN**

Pat Di Giovanni moved and Susan Powers seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:43 a.m.